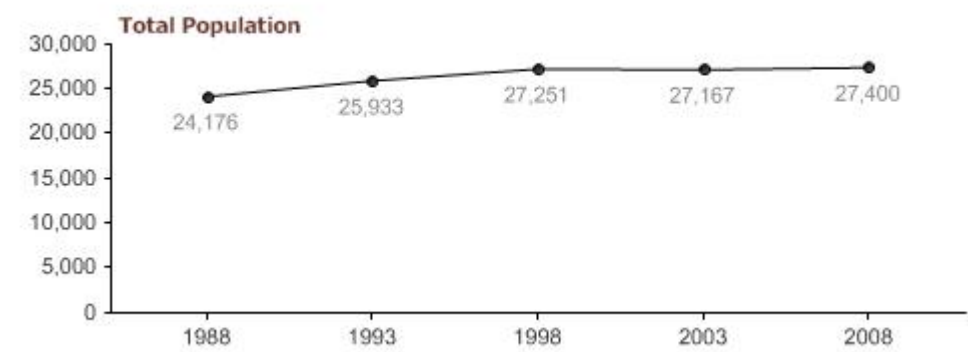# Ripley County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time

	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	24,176	25,933	27,251	27,167	27,400
Change Since 1988		1,757	3,075	2,991	3,224
Pct. Change Since 1988		7.3%	12.7%	12.4%	13.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-22
International Migration	2
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	114
Births	388
Deaths	274

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,939	7.1%
School Age	5,274	19.3%
College Age	1,969	7.2%

Young Adult	7,345	26.9%
Older Adult	6,955	25.5%
Older (65 plus)	3,868	14.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	100	0.4%
Asian Alone	120	0.4%
Black Alone	92	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%
White Alone	26,905	98.5%
Two or More Race Groups	133	0.5%

Population by Race

98.52 %	White
0.34 %	Black
0.37 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.44 %	Asian
0.00 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.49 %	Two or More
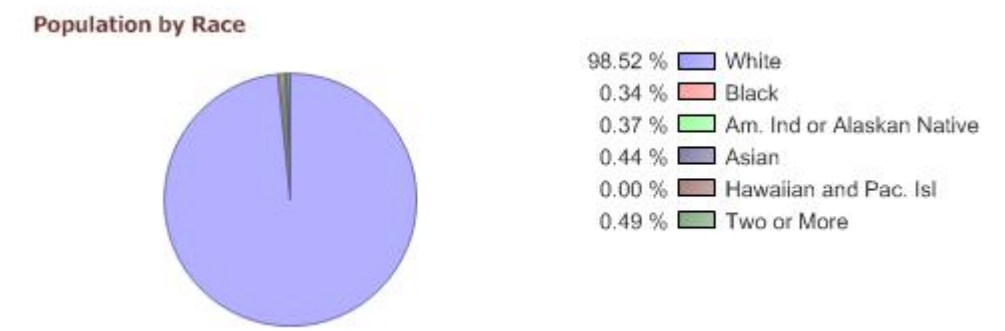
Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	26,986	98.8%
Hispanic or Latino	364	1.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	9,842	100.0%
Family Households	7,272	73.9%
Married with Children	2,869	29.2%
Married without Children	3,160	32.1%
Single Parents	745	7.6%
Other	498	5.1%
Non-family Households	2,570	26.1%
Living Alone	2,239	22.7%
Average Household Size	2.71	
Average Family Household Size	3.66	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	18,763	NA	NA
1960	20,641	1,878	10.0%
1970	21,138	497	2.4%
1980	24,398	3,260	15.4%
1990	24,616	218	0.9%

April 2000	26,523	1,907	7.7%
2008	27,400	877	3.3%
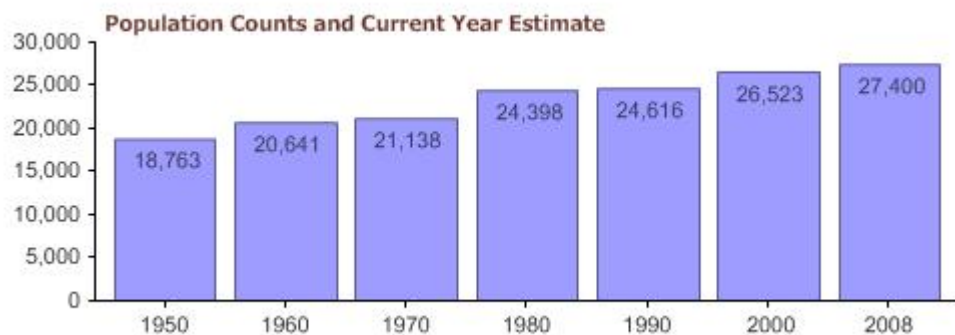
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	27,710	28,519	29,194	29,855	30,438
Change Since 2005		809	1,484	2,145	2,728
Pct. Change Since 2005		2.9%	5.4%	7.7%	9.8%
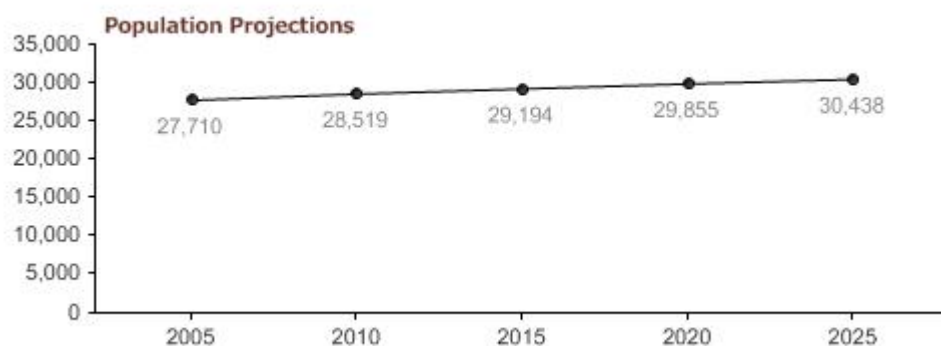
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